

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1, 6, 14, 15, and 19 are amended for purposes of expediting prosecution. The claims are amended to include the limitations of claim 5, which was deemed allowable. Claim 5 is cancelled without prejudice.

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 14-19 under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0156914 to Lo et al. (hereinafter "Lo") in view of U.S. Patent 5,999,990 to Sharrit et al. (hereinafter "Sharrit") is respectfully traversed. The rejection is traversed for the same reasons set forth in the previously filed Amendment. However, the rejection is now moot in view of the amendments made to the claims.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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